recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission. As such, no action is being contemplated by the Central Government in the matter.

Schemes for Modernisation of Textile Industry funded by IDBI

1137. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IDBI is funding some schemes for modernisation of Textile Industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many textile mills in Gujarat have been included in such schemes with details of the mills and funds allocated to each of them by IDBI for their modernisation during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether IDBI proposes to provide funds for the revival of sick textile mills in the State; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of textile policy announced by Government in July 1985, Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) along with other institutions introduced Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme (TMFS) with a corpus of Rs. 750 crore. Under the TMFS, 357 textile units were sanctioned assistance aggregating Rs. 1376 crore out of which Rs. 897.5 crore was disbursed to these units. TMFS was discontinued from August 1991. However, IDBI continues to assist modernisation of textile units under the normal project finance schemes.

(c) IDBI has reported that under the TMFS, 42 textile units in Gujarat have been sanctioned assistance to the tune of Rs. 254.2 crore, disbursements being Rs. 180 crore. Details of Modernisation assistance sanctioned by IDBI to textile units in Gujarat during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. Crore)

Year	No. of Units	Amount
1993—94	2	3.6
1994—95	2	27.5
1995—96	2	20.0

In accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions as also the provisions of Public Financial Institutions (Obligation as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, the unit-wise details cannot be divulged.

(d) IDBI has agreed to provide funds for revival of sick textile units as per the rehabilitation packages approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

News Item Regarding Nexus Between Corporates and American Express Bank

1138. SHRI RAMADAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Financial Express, New Delhi dated 4th November, 1996, captioned "Amex nexus with major companies based";

(b) whether the Reserve Bank's report on American Express Bank bares the nexus between the Bank and several corporates;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Amex Bank has violated banking norms and sanctioned out of the way around Rs. 1000 crores to the industrial groups and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Desirability of Improving the working of Government Hospitals in Delhi

1139. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous deteriorating conditions, non-availability of medicines, lack of facilities in the Central Government hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the desirability of examining in depth the functioning and working conditions in the city's Government hospitals by an expert committee; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the same, if so, how soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) A number of measures have been taken to upgrade the facilities in the Central Government hospitalish by providing new equipments for diagnostics and therapeutics, supplying essential and life-saving drugs and improving patient conveniences.

(b) and (c) The Working of the Central Government hospitals was reviewed racently by the Standing Parliamentary Committee who gave a number of recommendations on which action have been initiated. Further, there are already committees set up by the Ministry of Health for looking into specialised problems of the individual hospitals and their requirements and functioning is also reviewed periodically and concrete action instituted where called for.

The functioning of the hospitals under the Govt, of NCT of Delhi is periodically reviewed by that Govt, and appropriate measures are undertaken wherever necessary.

Decision of International Airport Division to privatise the ground handling at Delhi

1140. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airports Divisions of Airports Authority of India has decided to privatise the ground handling at Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, the basic objectives behind this decision; and

(c) what efforts has so far been made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Negotiations between OECF and Indian Financial Institutions

1141. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Overseas Economic Corporation Fund (OECF) of Japan is negotiating with Indian FIS to introduce a two step lending programme to private companies;

(b) whether the proposal requires sovereign guarantee from the Central Government and that the matter was awaiting clearance from the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and the Finance Ministry; and

(c) if so, since when the matter is pending and when it will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are two on going projects under which Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan is providing two step lending to